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Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas  
Serial No. : 10/075,668  
Filing Date : February 13, 2002  
For : AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING  
A LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO A  
BONE PORTION  
Group Art Unit : 3732  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003,  
reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of  
the following remarks is respectfully requested.